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SUBJECT: CIVAIR -- TWA FARE PROBLEM

1. TWA DIRECTOR FOR FRANCE (NICHOLS) HAS ADVISED US OF PROBLEM DEVELOPING WITH FRENCH RE MID-WEEK FARE FROM LOS ANGELES. DGAC HAS SENT LETTER WHICH DISAPPROVED HIS FILING IN PART BY (A) REDUCING CAPACITY FROM 150 TO 103 SEATS PER FLIGHT FOR THIS FARE AND (B) RESTRICTING ITS USE TO THURSDAYS RATHER THAN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AS FILED. RATIONALE WAS TO IMPOSE EQUALITY WITH AIR FRANCE WHICH WOULD OFFER ONLY THAT NUMBER OF SEATS AND OPERATES MID-WEEK AT LOS ANGELES ONLY ON THURSDAYS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON DELIVERED TO STATE DEPARTMENT DIPLOMATIC NOTICE OF DISSATISFACTION ON JUNE 8(15TH DAY AFTER THE FILING) AND THAT THIS NOTE OBJECTED ONLY RPT ONLY TO THE CAPACITY QUESTION WITHOUT MENTIONING THE THURSDAY RESTRICTION.

2. IT WOULD THUS APPEAR THAT SINCE THE FRENCH DID NOT DIPLOMATICALLY TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AVAILABILITIES WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED BY THE BILATERAL TWA IS FREE TO SELL TICKETS FOR THOSE FLIGHTS.
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NICHOLS PROPOSES TO ADVISE DGAC TO THIS EFFECT AFTER THE FULL 30 DAY OBJECTION PERIOD HAS RUN (I.E. ABOUT JUNE 24). CIVIL AIR ATTACHE HAS CAUTIONED HIM THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION SHOULD FIRST BE APPROVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT AS CONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL AND HE HAS INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS GET DEPARTMENT'S CLEARANCE FOR PROPOSED LETTER TO DGAC.

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3. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ADVICE TO TWA AND SEND US COPY
OF FRENCH EMBASSY NOTE.
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